

# California Libertarian News

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## LIBERTARIAN COUNTY SUPERVISOR TOM TRYON FACES RECALL

It had to happen eventually, once Libertarians started winning elections. Petitions are being circulated in Calaveras County to have our Libertarian County Supervisor, Tom Tryon, recalled for making statements critical of the County's "War on Drugs."

At the May 26th meeting of the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors, Tom called Sheriff Claude Ballard's war on drugs "useless", "a failure", and "a violation of people's right of self-ownership". He also told the sheriff: "We should legalize all victimless crimes."

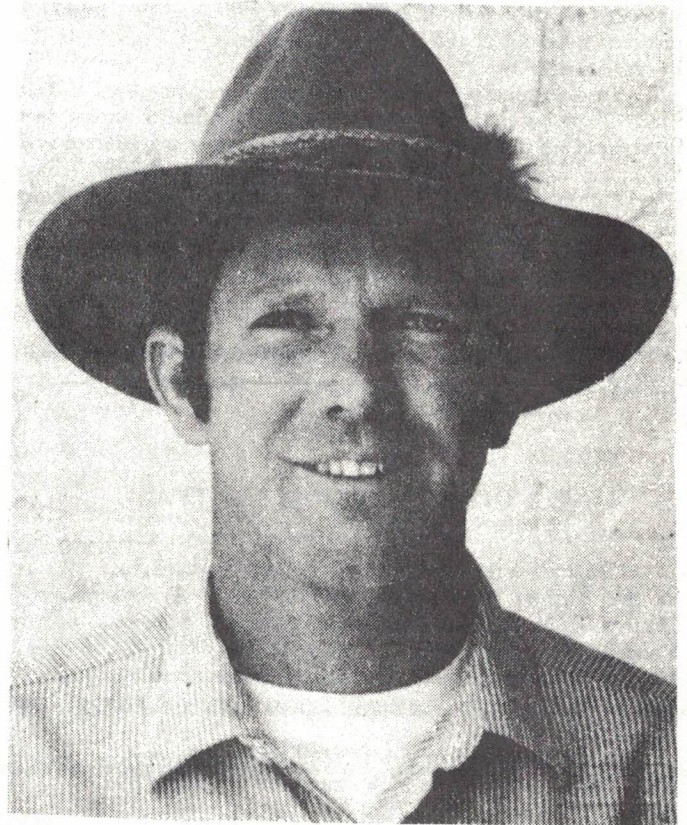
The sheriff, visibly shaken by this unprecedented criticism from an elected official of the County, was able to compose himself and continue his testimony in favor of having \$172,000 of taxpayer's money spent on undercover drug buys. By a vote of four to one, with Tom dissenting, the sheriff got his \$172,000 grant.

Following the meeting, five Calaveras County citizens filed a notice of intention to circulate recall petitions. They have until July 18th to collect 784 signatures to put the recall on the November ballot.

Tom has been getting lots of news coverage for his courageous stand (at least one front page news article per week) and has been generating discussions in schools and churches throught Calaveras County. He has sent out a letter to all Calaveras County voters (at his own expense) explaining his position and asking them not to sign the recall petition.

The leader of the recall, one Douglas Murray of Altaville, says he voted for Tryon and now he's kicking himself for not learning more about Libertarianism before casting his vote. This led the local paper to publish a political cartoon with the comment: "Here they want to close all the County's branch libraries, and we got voters running around that don't know what Libertarianism means." Well, they're learning now.

Tom Tryon won election to the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors last November by one vote.



## Tryon Files Answer To Recall Petition

SAN ANDREAS - District Four Supervisor Tom Tryon has filed his answer to a proposed recall petition.

Tryon's exchange with Sheriff Claud Ballard at the May 27 Board of Supervisors meeting regarding the "war on drugs" led to a recall effort launched last week by Doug Murray of Altaville. He presented Tryon with a Notice of Intention to Circulate Recall Petition during a supervisors' study session on June 4.

After Tryon filed his

answer with the County Clerk on June 7, the recall group then has ten days to file copies of their petition for verification. If it is approved, they then have 60 days to gather the required 784 valid signatures.

According to the Elections Code, 25 percent of the registered voters in the district must sign the petition in order to qualify the recall for the ballot. If qualified, the recall would go on the ballot in November. There are 3,135 registered voters in District

Four.

In addition to Murray, the Notice of Intention was signed by Raymond Powell of Altaville; Max Campbell, Doris Stover and Gary Lucht, all of Murphys.

Tryon's answer to the alleged grounds for recall is:

"The indisputable evidence is not contrary, but in support of my publicly stated beliefs. Namely, drugs should be legalized to the extent alcohol is legalized and controlled, thus removing

organized crime, pushers from campuses, high prices, corruption in government and exorbitant profits. I state these beliefs because I do have a comprehension of the terrible human cost of drug abuse, and I recognize that our current government policies have been pursued since the Harrison Narcotics Act of 1914, and the human tragedy only grows. Who today believes that the solution to the drug problem is to spend more money to build more jails to arrest more people?

We all agree the abuse of drugs is bad. The proper question is what policies should be implemented to minimize not only the use of drugs, but also the harmful effects when drugs are used. Today we are escalating the war on drugs to fight the natural consequences of the war itself. The term "war on drugs" is a misnomer; it is not a war on drugs, but rather a war on people. We shall not solve what is basically a health and personal mores dilemma through the police department."



## NEW NATIONAL LP CHAIR ORDERS SWEEPING CHANGES

Randy Ver Hagen, elected in April to fill the unexpired term of Paul Grant as national LP Chair, has ordered a number of changes to attempt to correct National's financial problems, (i. e. a debt in excess of \$70,000.)

Perry Willis has been hired to replace Honey Lanham as National Director, at a \$1,000 per month cut in Salary. The services of employees Paula Bosse and David Kelly are being terminated July 1st and August 1st, respectively. Outgoing phone calls from National Headquarters have been suspended. Following the LP National Convention, LP News will be suspended until the LP pays off its debt to editor Mike Holmes. Several options for reducing National Headquarters rent will be explored.

Fundraising efforts will be increased. However, even without additional fundraising, Ver Hagen expects the spending cuts he has ordered to be sufficient to eradicate the deficit by year-end.

In a letter to all National Committee members and all State Chairs, Ver Hagen states: "...blind optimism in the face of crisis does not constitute a positive and/or productive attitude....no decision I have made was arrived at lightly. I have sought considerable counsel. I have measured responses from all quarters and determined that no other course was more appropriate....My program would entail the taking of some very strong medicine. We are going to stop the bleeding. Then we are going to heal the patient. And then we will teach our healed body to run."

Ver Hagen plans to run for re-election as National Chair at the LP Convention in Phoenix, AZ, August 14-18.

## DAGNY'S FREEDOM FESTIVAL

Dagny's Freedom Festival '85 will be held July 12 - 14 at the Airport Park Hotel, 600 S. Prairie Ave., Inglewood (near Los Angeles International Airport.) Speakers include Tom Hazlett, Robert Poole, Jr., Sam Konkin, Andre Spies, Murray Rothbard, Jeff Hummel, Sharon Presley, Vincent Miller, Peter Breggin, Fred Stitt, Wendy McElroy, and Angelique Pettyjohn.

For more information, call Dagny Sharon at (213) 438-7788, or write: Box 224, Long Beach, CA 90801.

## IS TOASTMASTERS FOR YOU?

If you have something important to tell people about (like freedom? personal autonomy? individual rights?) but lack confidence in your speaking ability, Toastmasters is for you.

Many people, not just Libertarians, have acquired an ease of communication through their local Toastmasters club. Toastmasters club members help each other to develop confidence through a "Communication and Leadership" program designed to overcome one obstacle at a time.

The first step is to visit a local club. Visitors don't have to participate in the program, but are always welcome as observers. There are at least three Libertarian Toastmasters clubs in California:

**LOS ANGELES** - Tuesdays, 7:00 pm  
Margarita Jones Restaurant  
3760 S. Figueroa St. (south of Exposition)  
Contact: Kim Goldsworthy, 818/280-5644

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Carrow's Restaurant  
1001 E. 17th St. (at Lincoln Blvd.)  
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**SAN DIEGO** - Thursdays, 6:00 pm  
Crepes & Grapes  
6th St. at Cedar St. (above We Copy)  
Contact: Betsy Mill, 619/565-7060

Are there any Libertarian Toastmasters Clubs in Northern California?

There's probably a Toastmasters club near you, even if it's not a Libertarian Toastmasters club. For a list of all the Toastmasters clubs near you, write:

Toastmasters International, World Headquarters  
P. O. Box 10400  
Santa Ana, CA 92711

## THANK YOU

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## Disobedience Day, July 3rd

(THE Libertarian Holiday)

- \* Write letters to your editor
  - protesting a local bad law
  - mentioning D-Day, July 3rd

- \* Hold a picnic with a victimless crime/civil liberty speaker
  - invite local media

- \* Circulate D-Day literature to your local media contacts
  - with our national hotline numbers and contact data





## SELF GOVERNMENT ADVOCATES

Former LPC Executive Director Marshall Fritz is developing a new nationwide organization, "Self Government Advocates," to help Libertarians become better salesmen and recruiters.

Marshall recently completed a 24-day road trip getting Advocate "teams" started in New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Vermont, North Carolina, Virginia, Michigan, Illinois and Utah.

During the two-year start-up phase (1985 - 86), teams are experimenting to develop a successful format which will form the basis for a "chapter handbook" to train future Libertarian leaders.

The Advocates use proven leadership training techniques developed by organizations such as Dale Carnegie and Toastmasters, combined with sales incentive techniques employed by such groups as Amway and Herbalife.

For persons interested in learning more about the Self Government Advocates, Marshall will conduct an introduction called "Five persuasion factors on the Road to Self Government" at a residence in Beverly Hills, on the evening of July 11th. The event is by invitation only, but it's easy to get an invitation. Just call Dave Meleney at (213) 397-6840 and ask for one.

For more information about Self Government Advocates write: Marshall Fritz, 5533 E. Swift, Fresno, CA 93727.



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# LOCAL EVENTS & CONTACTS

(compiled by Bill Evers)

Alameda	THU, July 11	Swap Meet	Chair, Fred Foldvary	415/548-3776
	THU, July 4	Livermore Town Celebration	Contact David Simons	415/449-6643
Butte	WED, July 3		Chair, Mark Sweany	916/345-9970
Contra Costa			Chair, Hugh McLean	415/234-7809
Fresno	WED, July 10	Supper Club	Chair, Bob Subers	209/299-7294
	WED, July 24	Business Meeting		
	FRI, July 26	WRI Film Series: Social Security		
Kern			Chair, Dan Lucas	805/366-6660
Lake			Chair, Randall Grindle	707/994-4817
Marin	WED, July 3	Rick Maybury on Tips from Thomas Jefferson	Chair, Tom Jacobsen	415/924-5246
Monterey			Chair, Bob Ratto	408/424-9346
Nevada			Interim Chair, Jim Hosbein	916/273-9174
Orange	SUN, July 7	Liberty Party Barbecue	Chair, Sharon Ayres	714/966-1211
	FRI, July 12 through SUN, July 21	-- County Fair Booth		
Placer			Chair, Bruce Daniel	916/663-2568
Riverside	THU, July 18	Tape and Discussion	Chair, Ron Holman	714/684-5218
	WED, July 24	Deloy Semper on Amnesty International		
Sacramento	TUE, July 9	Business Meeting	Chair, Eric Phelps	916/338-0290
San Bernardino			Chair, Brian Bishko	714/792-4037
San Diego			Program Chair, Eunice Sperlein	619/692-4305
San Francisco			Chair, Ann Justi	415/864-0952
San Joaquin			Chair, George Schwappach	209/334-5948
San Mateo	THU, July 18	Murray Rothbard	Contact Dave Bell	415/365-9102
Santa Barbara	WED, July 3	Video Supper Club: "Inherit the Wind"	Chair, Jan Bellamy-Genee	805/965-7821
	TUE, July 23	Program Meeting: Oil Initiative		
Santa Clara	TUE, July 23	Murray Rothbard	Chair, Jim Wilson	408/CRY-FREE
	FRI, July 26 through SUN, Aug. 11, except Aug. 5	-- County Fair Booth		
	SAT, Aug. 3	Party Unchained on Robert's Good Earth ("PURGE")	Contact M.I.M.I.	415/328-6222
Santa Cruz			Chair, Tim Kilburn	408/688-1376
Solano			Chair, Mark Moberg	707/864-1673
Sonoma			Chair, Jim Oglesby	707/823-5261
Tulare			Chair, Vicky Daley	209/686-1761
Ventura	WED, July 3rd	Testimonial Dinner for Victimless Criminals	Chair, George Hasara	805/525-6321
61 - San Fernando Valley	THU, July 4	Newhall Parade	Regional Message Center	818/705-6496
	WED, July 10	Jeff Hosta on Medical Freedom		
	SAT, July 20	Annual Picnic; Atlas Slugged vs. Rest-of-the-world All Stars		
62 - West LA	THU, July 11	Pot Luck Dinner with Marshall Fritz, "Five Persuasion Factors on the Road to Self Government"	Contact Dave Meleney	213/397-6840
	THU, July 18	John Dentinger on Journalism, the Statist Quo	Chair, Neal Donner	213/477-6462
63 - Foothills	TUE, July 16	Robert Poole, Jr. on Privatization of Pasadena	Chair, Steve Malmberg	213/257-9491
64 - Central LA	THU, July 11	Rudolph Laubscher, Comedy Sketches	Chair, Laurel Fest	213/254-1776
65 - Downey			Chair, Marty Swinney	213/699-3128
66 - South Bay	FRI, July 12 through SUN, July 14	-- Dagny's Freedom Festival	Contact Dagny Sharon	213/438-7788
	THU, July 18	Pot Luck	Chair, Dave Nichols	213/644-3712
67 - East San Gabriel	SUN, July 21	Business Meeting	Chair, Gail Lightfoot	714/599-1627

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William F. Buckley Supports Drug Legalization! (details next month)

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